

Old Town San Diego Community Planning Group

David Thornton, Chairperson
2115 Kurtz Street
San Diego, California, 92110

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The MEETING was called to order at 3:30 pm by Chair David Thornton in the Whaley House Courtroom at 2476 San Diego Ave.

Members Present: Chuck Ambers; David Bevilaqua; Thurston Coe; Bruce Coons; Marie Pedrin-Gizoni; Fred Grand; Bruce Johnson; Diane Lowery; Geoffrey Mogilner; Lorna Rice; Fred Schwartz; Richard Stegner; David Swarens; David Thornton;

Members Absent:

Seats Vacant: Gary Lamble

Guests: Ann Dahlkamp - *Resident 291-4340* annskip3@gmail.com; Greg Gastelum - *SANDAG (619) 699-7378* greg.gastelum@sandag.org; Leslie Blanda - *SANDAG (619) 699-6907* LBL@sandag.org; Susanne Bankhead - *SANDAG (619) 682-3841* susanne@myemmarketing.com; Patricia Fillet - *Resident 760 429-4770* pfillet@salk.edu; Ian Clampett - *Council 619 235-5282* IClampett@sandiego.gov

Public Comment:

Richard Stegner announced that the Chamber will conduct an Old Town Clean Up about Saturday June 16th. Fred Grand announced that the OTSD Parking Improvement Committee is forming a Parking Task Force for promoting a large parking structure between the Railroad tracks and Pacific Highway. Membership is being solicited.

Approval of Minutes of November 9 and December 14:

David Swarens moved and Bruce Coons seconded motion **11Jan2012#1**, to hold over the vote of the Minutes of November 9 and to approve the Minutes of Dec 14. The motion was approved at 3:45 p.m. with 12 votes for, 2 votes abstain, and one seat vacant.

Treasurer's Report:

Lorna Rice, Treasurer reported that the October 2011 beginning balance was \$263.42, the October donations were \$13.00, and there was no money donated in November or December 2011. Therefore the January 2012 beginning balance is \$276.42. Richard Stegner moved and Chuck Ambers seconded motion **11Jan2012#2**, to approve this Treasurer's Report. The motion was approved with 14 votes for and 1 seat vacant at 3:50 p.m.

Action Items:

a) OTCPCG donations to the Whaley House:

Lorna Rice discussed possible procedures for handling money donated to the OTSD CPG. Then Fred Grand moved and Diane Lowery seconded motion **11Jan2012#3**, The Old Town San Diego Community Planning Group proposed that the Group remit 100% of donations to SOHO and request that reasonable provision of postage, document copying, and use of the court room for OTSD CPG meetings be provided in exchange. And if accepted we amend the By-Laws on that point. At 4:00 pm this motion was approved with 12 votes for, 2 abstain, and 1 seat vacant.

b) Juan Street Concrete Replacement Project:

Abi Palaseyed, Senior Engineer and other City representatives discussed various aspects of the Juan Street replacement project. There is no storm drain in Juan Street and one is to added to the project. The old 12” water line will be replaced. Construction will start in the Fall of 2012 and the City is hoping to complete the work within 6 month. The Contractor will be allowed scheduling flexibility to work around holidays, weekends, nights, weekends, etc. There will be detours of traffic because the City will replace half street wide sections of 160 feet and the concrete requires 2 days to cure. The detour North of Twiggs Street will circle the pitch and put course. The detour South of Twiggs Street will only be staggering of sides for through traffic. Questions about potential Archeological impacts at the site of the Soto House were asked. Questions about what Street Scapeing, sympathetic to the Community Plan would be presented to Architectural Plan Review Board were asked. The City was not prepared to answer these questions. Therefore the Chair decided to continue this item until these questions about the Architectural Plan Review Board and the potential Soto Building archeological impacts were resolved.

Information Items:

SANDAG’s Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project:

SANDAG Representatives Greg Gastelum and Leslie Blanda gave a presentation of this funded project. The project will be an 11 mile extension of the Blue Line from the Old Town Transit Center to V.A.Hospital, UCSD, the Thornton Hospital, and University Town Center. The cost of the project will be 1.7 Billion Dollars.

There was no information presented to the Old Town Group about the amount of additional Light Rail crossings at Taylor Street although it was mentioned that the crossing arms would be down more than they were up. There was no information presented about the mitigations being planned by SANDAG for these known circulation impacts. Individuals were invited to the SANDAG Web Site for Public Involvement www.sandag.org/midcoast. The Project Working Group web site is www.sandag.org/uploads/projectid/projectid_250_11491.pdf email may be sent to midcoast@sandag.org The telephone number is 619 595-5620 A discussion followed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Geoffrey Mogilner, Secretary